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MR. WHITE: Gentlemen, my apologies for being late. We expect to have available after lunch a statement by the Secretary concerning the Peace Corps Middle Level Manpower Conference to be held October 10 to 12, in Puerto Rico. The statement is for Monday a.m. papers. We will also have available after lunch the text of a speech by J. Robert Schaetzel, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Atlantic Affairs. The speech is for delivery at 1:20 p.m., Saturday, to the World Affairs Council, and the Boston Regional Conference, on NATO Affairs, at the Harvard Club of Boston.

Mr. Abba P. Schwartz took the oath of office as Administrator of the Bureau of Security and Consular Affairs, at a small ceremony in the Office of Deputy Under Secretary William H. Orrick this morning at 10:00. Those present were Representative Francis E. Walter, Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee on Immigration and Nationality, if that is the correct title, and Assistant Secretary Crockett, George Warren, whom many of you know, Consultant to the Department on Immigration matters.

MR. STEARMAN: I don't know whether that has been made already, but I will check.

Q Has he asked for this appointment this morning?

Mr. W A Yes.

Q A courtesy call they usually arrange a little bit further ahead.

Q I think he had a courtesy call on ~~Hammond~~ ^{Harriman} right after his arrival.

A Well, as I say, we don't know what the subject matter is, or the reason for the request.

Q Is there any reaction here to President Mateos' statement, President Mateos of Mexico, that he did not consider the Soviet build-up in Cuba to threaten the peace in this Hemisphere?

A No. I have no comment on that. So far as I know, we have no text of what he actually said.

Q Linc, back to the incident of the Naval Attaché, you said that the American Embassy there rejected the allegations and protested the violation of diplomatic immunity. Was this protest delivered orally, and by whom, and to whom? Do you know?

A I don't have those details, Jim?

Q Do you know whether it was at the same time that the Soviet Government informed us of their objection?